

Claims:

1 (Canceled)

2 (Currently Amended). A method of entering an authorization code into a chip card terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

entering the authorization code into a chip card;

storing the authorization code in a memory location of the chip card;

~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ verifying the authorization code, and

changing the state of the chip card from ~~a~~ the first state to ~~a~~ the second state to enable transmission of the authorization code from the memory location to the chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time only in the case of a successful verification of the authorization code and resetting the state from the second to the first state.

3 (Canceled)

4 (Currently Amended). A method of entering an authorization code into a chip card terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

entering the authorization code into a chip card;

storing the authorization code in a memory location of the chip card;

and

changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a second state to enable transmission of the authorization code from the memory location to the chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time and resetting the state from the second to the first state;

~~The method of claim 1, whereby wherein~~ an aural, visual or haptic signal is outputted when the state is changed from the first state to the second state.

5 (Original). The method of claim 4, whereby the signal is switched off after the pre-defined period of time or after transmission of the authorization code to the terminal.

6 (Currently Amended). A method of entering an authorization code into a chip card terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

entering the authorization code into a chip card;
storing the authorization code in a memory location of the chip card;
changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a second state to enable transmission of the authorization code from the memory location to the chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time and resetting the state from the second to the first state; and

~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ maintaining the second state only if a user continuously performs a predetermined input action during the pre-defined period of time.

7 (Currently Amended). A method of entering an authorization code into a chip card terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

entering the authorization code into a chip card;
storing the authorization code in a memory location of the chip card;
changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a second state to enable transmission of the authorization code from the memory location to the chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time and resetting the state from the second to the first state;

~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ entering an amount or a transaction code into the chip card; and

transmitting the amount or the code to the terminal when the authorization code is transmitted to the terminal.

8 (Currently Amended). A method of entering an authorization code into a chip

card terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

_____ entering the authorization code into a chip card;

_____ storing the authorization code in a memory location of the chip card;

_____ changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a second state to enable transmission of the authorization code from the memory location to the chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time and resetting the state from the second to the first state; and

~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ erasing the authorization code from the memory location if an unsecure situation is detected during the pre-defined period of time.

9 through 16 (Canceled)